Beyond the Mask

[Verse 1]
This mask I wear is not my face
Just the version the world embraced
Maybe I'm more, maybe I'm less
An overgrown child, or so I jest

[Verse 2]
I carry dreams too deep to show
Of joy and pain the heart can hold
I've felt the sting that sorrow brings
Still watched tomorrow mend my wings

[Pre-Chorus]
I am a man, that much is true
But there's a thousand versions living in me too

[Chorus]
I've got the heart of a warrior
The restless soul of a poet
The quiet grace that time bestows
Every piece of me is mine, I own it
So don't you judge by what you see
Don't try to shape who I should be
Beyond the mask, come look at me
Just once... see me for me

[Verse 3]
I stand as my own champion
Rooted in the faith I'm standing in
I've known a love that runs this deep
The kind this world don't always see

[Pre-Chorus]
I am a man, that much is clear
But I contain the joy, the doubt, the fear

[Chorus]
I've got the heart of a warrior
The restless soul of a poet
The quiet grace that time bestows
Every piece of me is mine, I own it
So don't you judge by what you see
Don't try to shape who I should be
Beyond the mask, come look at me
Just once... see me for me

[Bridge]
I'm tired of living half-alive
Tired of secrets I have to hide
If you care at all... then really try...

[Final Chorus]
I've got the heart of a warrior
The restless soul of a poet
The quiet grace that time bestows
Every single piece is mine, I own it
So don't you judge by what you see
I'm so much more than you'll ever know I'd be
Beyond the mask, come look at me
And for the first time... see me for me...

How Far Do I Go

[Verse 1]
If I say I'm sorry
do I look too small?
If I hold my chin up
do I start a war?

I keep changing angles
at your front-door light
Trying to sound brave
trying to sound right

[Pre-Chorus]
Tell me what you want
tell me what you need
How do I come close
without losing me?

I can bring the truth
I can bring my hands
But what if I erase
the one you understand?

[Chorus]
How far do I go
to stay in your warmth? (stay in your warmth)
How far do I go
before I lose form? (before I lose form)

Do you want my heart
or the mask I wear?
How far do I go
to get you there?

[Verse 2]
If I act high and mighty
do I sound like a fight?
If I keep it honest
do I still feel right?

I don't want your pity
I don't want a crown
I just want your eyes
when my guard comes down

[Pre-Chorus]
Tell me what you want
tell me what you need
How do I come close
without losing me?

I can bend a little
I can learn your name
But if I turn to smoke
will you call me the same?

[Chorus]
How far do I go
to stay in your warmth? (stay in your warmth)
How far do I go
before I lose form? (before I lose form)

Do you want my heart
or the mask I wear?
How far do I go
to get you there?

[Bridge]
If I drop the armor
will you still reach in?
If I keep it perfect
do I only win?

I don't want to beg
I don't want to break
But I need to know
what it takes

[Final Chorus]
How far do I go
to stay in your warmth? (stay in your warmth)
How far do I go
before I lose form? (before I lose form)

Do you want my heart
or the mask I wear? (my heart, my heart)
How far do I go
to get you there?

Do I give up my name
to hear your reply? (hear your reply)
Or can I be myself
and still catch your eye?